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SENATE BILL 1237 By
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HOUSE BILL 1537
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4 and Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2, relative to the use and availability of certain controlled substances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-412, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(g) Notwithstanding any rule or regulation of the board of medical examiners to the contrary, a licensed physician may prescribe, order, administer, sell, or otherwise distribute the controlled substance fenfluramine as scheduled in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-412(d) or phentermine as scheduled in 39-17-412(e)(4), for any of such substances' currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-214, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

() Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant thereto to the contrary, the board shall not have the authority to reprimand a physician or deny, withhold, suspend or revoke a physician's license because such physician prescribed, ordered, administered, sold, or otherwise distributed the controlled substance fenfluramine as scheduled in Tennessee Code Annotated,

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Section 39-17-412(d) or phentermine as scheduled in 39-17-412(e)(4), for any of such substances' currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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